

Code Ranger Reporter

Happy New Year, Code Rangers!

Congratulations, Code Rangers, on a successful 2007! We had a great year and hope to have an even better one in 2008. The Code Ranger initiative will celebrate its first anniversary on the 20th of January. The Code Ranger Team has grown to 199, and we would like to more than double this number in 2008. We're counting on you to help us get neighbors involved in this great initiative. Help spread the word with family, friends and neighbors that Code Rangers are needed to help in this effort to make Arlington neighborhoods safe, strong and attractive.

Ordinance Update

Amendments to the Nuisance Ordinance became effective on the 1st of October. When in doubt as to whether a code violation exists report it by email at code@arlingtontx.gov, or by calling 817-459-6777 and asking for Field Operations Manager, Michael Thomas. A Code Officer will investigate to make the determination if a violation is present. Some residents may not be aware of the amendments to the Nuisance Ordinance. We appreciate your help with educating friends and neighbors. An informed community is a stronger, better community. Thank you for your commitment to this program!

► [Link to Amended Nuisance Ordinances](#)
► [View the presentation](#)

Proper Disposal of Tree Limbs



Two violations are present in the photo above. The bundles are tied properly, but are in violation because they exceed four feet in length and are extending into the public right-of-way. For collection information call Arlington Disposal at 817-317-2000.

The next Code Ranger training class will be held February 9, 2008.

For more information, and to register to attend, contact Field Operations Manager, Michael Thomas at michael.thomas@arlingtontx.gov, or by telephone at 817-459-6777.

Become a Code Ranger and help in the effort to make neighborhoods safe, strong and attractive.

Leaves are Falling...



Winter is here, and many leaves are still falling. You can help protect the environment and attractiveness of your property by mulching leaves into your yard as you mow, creating a composting area or participating in leaf recycling. It is a violation of the City's Storm Water Ordinance to blow yard waste into the street, because it pollutes the storm sewer system. Arlington residents may drop off leaves at the designated sites through February 29, 2008. For questions concerning the Storm Water Pollution Control Ordinance email [Environmental Services](#). If you spot someone blowing leaves or grass clippings in the street, report the address of this violation by calling 817-459-6148.

- [Visit the Environmental Services Website](#)
- [Read more about leaf recycling drop off locations](#)



Program Progress:

As of January 11, 2008:

- **199** Code Rangers trained
- **4,906** Complaints received

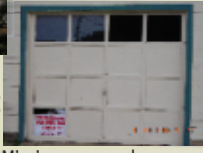
The Code Ranger Reporter is now a quarterly publication. Provide comments and feedback [here](#).

New! Code Corner

Missing garage door (covered with tarp)



Weathering due to lack of paint, or severely peeling, flaking paint



Missing garage door panel

Featured Violation of the Quarter



Improper Weather Protection

Not only is improper weather protection unattractive, it is also a violation. Exterior components must be present and provide adequate weather proofing. This includes all exterior surfaces, such as roofing, siding and garage doors.

Help is Available for Qualified Residents !

Home repair/renovation is provided for income eligible homeowners including 100% funding of eligible repairs up to \$24,500. **The resident must meet all criteria for program eligibility.** Eligible repairs and improvements include:

- Installation of ramps and widened doorways
- Installation of grab bars, and installation of wheel chair accessible showers
- Electrical repairs
- Heating and plumbing repairs
- Structural repairs, especially to roofs, porches, windows and doors
- Repairs needed to meet City Code
- Replacement of essential built-in appliances
- Vinyl siding in lieu of exterior paint
- Foundation repairs

Call 817-276-6707 for more information or,

▶ [View the FAQ's](#)

The DSS Team is Working To Make Neighborhoods Safer!

The Dangerous and Substandard Structures (DSS) Team is hard at work. During fiscal year 2007, the DSS Team investigated 93 cases in the city, ensuring 28 properties were rehabilitated and 21 unsafe structures were demolished. Fiscal year 2008 started off with 44 active cases city wide.

A Dangerous Building Hearing process through the Arlington Municipal Court occurs when compliance is not voluntarily achieved from property owners. A Judge then declares the building Dangerous and issues an Order to the owner and accountable parties to repair, remove or demolish the dangerous building within a certain time frame. If the owner and accountable parties fail to comply with the Order, the City then has the authority to bring the property into compliance for the owner, typically by demolishing the building.



DSS Team: Brian Daugherty and DSS Manager, Neal Lucas



Before



After

E-mail neal.lucas@arlingtontx.gov or call 817-459-6269 when reporting a dangerous and substandard structure.

Sprinkler System Over-spray Can Create A Road Hazard!

Winter is here, and with it brings special concerns about water sprinkler over-spray in the streets. Irrigation systems should be checked regularly to ensure that sprinkler heads are not broken or misdirecting water into the street. Not only is this a terrible waste of water, but it can also create hazardous road conditions in freezing temperatures. Watering restrictions are effective year-round with watering prohibited between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. An amendment became effective last January 1, 2007 requiring all newly installed irrigation systems in the City be equipped with rain and freeze sensors. Retrofitting is required for all irrigation systems installed prior to that time, with the exception of single family residential or duplex properties or individually metered townhome or condominium units.

Have a safe Winter, and report hazardous sprinkler over-spray by calling 9-1-1, or watering violations by Emailing code@arlingtontx.gov.



Tips To Use

Protect yourself against stray animals!

- When walking, carry a cell phone if possible and call 911 if you are in danger
- Do not make any sudden movements
- Do not stare an animal in the eyes

Call 817-456-3436 to report stray animals!